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SUBJ: EDITORIAL COMMENT OF THE DISPATCH OF U.S. MARINES TO THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 8807; B. FBIS BK 150908Z MAY 75

1. THE AFTERNOON ENGLISH LANGUAGE BANGKOK WORLD OF MAY 15 CARRIES AN EDITORIAL (REF B) ENTITLED "AMERICA'S DOWNRIGHT INSULT TO THAILAND" WHICH LAMENTS THAT AMERICA IS FIGHTING AGAIN IN INDOCHINA, AND WARNS THAT EVEN THOUGH THE ENGAGEMENT IS SMALL THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE COLOSSAL.

2. THE EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT THAILAND IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE AGAIN, AND AFTER THE AMERICANS HAVE DEPARTED WITH THEIR SHIP AND THEIR CREW, THAILAND WILL REMAIN BEHIND AS AN EASY TARGET FOR CAMBODIAN RETALIATION. THE PIECE CONTINUES: IF THE U.S. HAD HAD THE COMMON SENSE TO LEAVE A CARRIER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA'S TROUBLED WATERS FOR A WHILE LONGER, IT WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED TO USE THAI TERRITORY; THE EPISODE IS A DOWNRIGHT INSULT TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE; AND THE WOUNDS TO THAI-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WILL NOT EASILY BE HEALED.

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